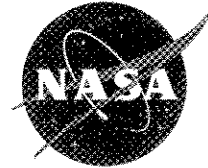


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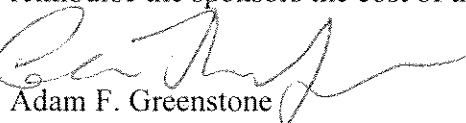
SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the United Space Alliance, LLC (USA) Reception on September 30, 2009

On September 30, 2009, United Space Alliance, LLC (USA), will host a reception at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel & Convention Center, in Nashville, TN., from 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

The reception will be attended by representatives of the aerospace industry, trade associations, the media, Congressional staffers, Congress, academia, Federal agencies, NASA contractors working in the SRB Program including United Space Alliance, ATK, GeoLogics, COLSA, and NASA personnel. Approximately 100 people have been invited and 60 are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the reception, which includes all food and beverages is \$75.00 per person. I find that the reception meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g)(2). This event will allow NASA employees to discuss and exchange views with others involved in all aspects of the Solid Rocket Booster (SRB) Program, to meet and discuss the Program's accomplishments, its interfaces and progress, and to discuss the future of the Program. I have determined that free attendance at the above mentioned reception is in the interest of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations.

I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the event will allow NASA employees to discuss NASA's space program with other people who are interested in aerospace issues and space development.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the USA, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor. Moreover, NASA employees, who are in non-career positions in which the President's Executive Order of January 21, 2009, requires signing an ethics pledge may only attend if they reimburse the sponsors the cost of the refreshments they consume at the reception.

  
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